

REMARKS

Elections/Restrictions

Responsive to the restriction requirement, applicants elect Group I, claims 20-29, drawn to a method for converting CO, without traverse.

Responsive to the election of species requirement, the claims are amended to clarify the invention, e.g., claims 21 and 23 are not referring to the same "oxygen" recited in claim 20.

Claim 21 refers to the oxygen source used in combustion, and claim 22 refers to non-combusted oxygen, i.e., the situation where only partial combustion takes place.

New claim 39 reflects the situation as described at page 1, lines 25-32, where the cathode gas may comprise air.

Thus, as air may be included in the cathode off-gas, and claim 22 refers to the non-combusted gas downstream, the imposed election of species requirement is not appropriate, and withdrawal of this election is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 20-29 are amended as to form. Claims 21-23 are amended further to clarify the claimed invention with respect to the source of oxygen. Support for the amendment may be found, for example, at page 1, lines 25-32, and page 3, lines 27-30.

Claim 39 is new and is directed to the elected invention. Support for the amendment may be found, for example, at page 1, lines 25-32.

Claims 20-39 remain in this application.

Claims 30-38 are withdrawn for being directed to a non-elected invention.

Conclusion

In view of the amendment to the claims, withdrawal of the election of species requirement is respectfully requested. A favorable action on the merits of the elected invention is respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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